



MAYOR AND COUNCIL AGENDA

NO. 5

DEPT.: Finance /
STAFF CONTACT: Dominic Del Pozzo

DATE PREPARED: April 7, 2005
FOR MEETING OF: April 18, 2005

SUBJECT: Introduction of ordinance to amend Section 24-47 of the Rockville City Code, entitled "Sewer Consumption Charge."

RECOMMENDATION: Introduce the attached ordinance.

DISCUSSION: In accordance with the proposed Fiscal Year 2006 budget presented to the Mayor and Council on April 4th, the attached ordinance sets the sewer rate at \$3.75 per 1,000 gallons. This is a 14-cent increase over the Fiscal Year 2005 rate. The Sewer Fund is a self-supporting fund, and this proposed charge will support the City's share of the District of Columbia Water and Sewer Authority's capital improvement program at the Blue Plains Wastewater Treatment Plant.

NEXT STEPS: There will be public hearings on the budget on April 18th and 25th, and worksessions are scheduled for May 12th and 16th. Budget adoption is anticipated on June 13th.

PREPARED BY:

Dominic Del Pozzo

APPROVED BY:

Sam Miller

DATE: 4/7/05

LIST OF ATTACHMENTS:

Ordinance to establish sewer service charge.

ORDINANCE NO. _____

ORDINANCE: To amend Section 24-47 of the Rockville City Code, entitled "Sewer Usage Charge."

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND, as follows:

SECTION 1: That Section 24-47 of the Rockville City Code, entitled "Sewer Usage Charge," be and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

SECTION 24-47 Sewer usage charge

(a) There shall be due to the City from each user of its sewerage system and/or disposal plant for each property served by its system, the sum of [three dollars and sixty-one cents (\$3.61)] ~~three dollars and sixty-one cents (\$3.61)]~~ three dollars and seventy-five cents (\$3.75) for each one thousand (1,000) gallons of water used by such property during the preceding three (3) months.

(b) No person using water obtained otherwise than from the water system of the City shall empty such water into the sewerage system of the City unless the water shall be measured through a meter installed by the City at the expense of such user, and quarterly thereafter shall be due to the City from each such user of its sewer system and/or disposal plant for each property so served by its system the sum of [three dollars and sixty-one cents (\$3.61)] ~~three dollars and sixty-one cents (\$3.61)]~~ three dollars and seventy-five cents (\$3.75) for each one thousand (1,000) gallons of water used on such property during the preceding three (3) months.

(c) Any person procuring water from the water system of the City, a substantial part of which water is not thereafter diverted into the sewerage system of the City, shall have the privilege of having a meter installed by the City at the expense of such water user, whereby that portion of the water purchased by him from the City and not thereafter diverted into its sewer system, may be measured, and in computing the amount due the

City from such user, as a sewer usage charge, the amount of water so measured and not diverted into the sewerage system of the City shall be deducted from the total amount of water delivered to the user from the water system of the City.

SECTION 2: That this ordinance shall become effective for sewer usage billed on or after [July 1, 2004] July 1, 2005.

NOTE: [Brackets] indicate material deleted
Underlining indicates material added

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I hereby certify that the foregoing is true and correct copy of an ordinance adopted by the Mayor and Council at its meeting of June 13, 2005.

Claire F. Funkhouser, City Clerk